

PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. GREGORY MICHAEL BOWLES

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced today that Gregory Michael Bowles, 47, of Salamanca, New York, pled guilty today before U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny to distributing child pornography.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marie P. Grisanti said the defendant admitted to exchanging "instant messages" over the computer with a person he believed was a 14 year old girl. AUSA Grisanti stated that the individual the defendant was conversing with was actually an undercover FBI agent. During those instant message online conversations, the defendant distributed 14 images of child pornography to the undercover agent. AUSA Grisanti also stated that the defendant admitted to having engaged in two or more incidents of sexual abuse or exploitation of a child in the past.

The plea was the result of an investigation by the Jamestown Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Acting Special Agent-in-Charge Karen E. Spangenberg. Sentencing is scheduled for August 3, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. The defendant faces a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.